Further it is proposed that the Corporation would be given authority to raise resourcers from domestic and international financial agencies as well as market borrowings. As the Planning Commission, has not favoured the setting up of such a Corporation, an alternative has been proposed, that is to undertake a scheme for providing special assistance for the expeditious completion of Nationally Important Irrigation Projects.

Advisory Committee to Improve Functioning of Passport Offices

6864. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propsoe to constitute Advisory Committees consisting of eminent local personalities to improve the functioning of the passport offices in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such committees likely to be constituted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b). It is proposed to constitute a Passport Advisory Committee attached to each Passport Office in India as early as possible for closer interaction between publicmen and Passport Officers, to monitor public grievances more accurately and to recommend remedial measures.

Telephone Exchanges

6865. SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges in different states and the four Metropolitan cities as on June 30, 1991;

(b) the types of exchanges (Electronic, Manual etc.) percentage of utilisation of switching facility as on June 1, 1991;

(c) the demand for new telephones in OYT and Non-OYT categories as on June 1, 1990, separately;

(d) the percentage of growth rate of new demand during the last three years;

(e) the number and the percentage of such demand which is being met annually; and

(f) the steps proposed to meet the demand for telephone connections and exchanges and the investment required?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b). The information as on 1.4.91 is given in Statement I and II enclosed.

(c) The information is given in statement III enclosed.

(d) The percentage growth rate is as under as on 31st March:

Year	*New demand (lakhs)*	*Percentage growth over the previous year*
1988-89	5.07	9.97
1989-90	7.12	12.73
1990-91	7.32	11.58

(e) The number and the percentage of such demand met annually is as under:

Year	*No. of Telephone provided*	*Percentage of new demand met annually*
1988-89	3.74 lakhs	73.77
1989-90	4.15 lakhs	58.29
1990-91	4.88 lakhs	66.67

(f) The draft Plan for the period 1990-95 has been formulated with an objective to provide (by March, 1995) telephones on demand in Telephone Exchanges of capacity below 5000 line and to contain the waiting period, on an average, to one year in telephone exchange of capacity 5000 lines and above.

An investment of Rs. 11,950 crores at 1989-90 prices for local telephone system has been proposed during the period 1990-95.

STATEMENT - I

Name of Metropolitan Cities/States		*No. of telephone exchanges as on 1.4.1991*
Metropolitan cities		
1.	Delhi	70
2.	Bombay	84
3.	Calcutta	68
4.	Madras	32
	STATES	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2010
2.	Assam	217
3.	Bihar	461
4.	Gujarat including Daman & Diu, Dadara/Nagar Haveli	1026
5.	Haryana	411
6.	Himachal Pradesh	311

Name of Metropolitan Cities/States		*No. of telephone exchanges as on 1.4.1991*
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	140
8.	Karnataka	1631
9.	Kerala including Lakshdeweep	649
10.	Madhya Pradesh	1263
11.	Maharashtra including Goa but excluding Bombay	1625
12.	North East (Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland Manipur, Tripura)	169
13.	Orissa	471
14.	Punjab including Chandigarh	543
15.	Rajasthan	882
16.	Tamil Nadu including Pondicherry but excluding Madras	1244
17.	Uttar Pradesh	1246
18.	West Bengal including Sikkim State and Andaman & Nicobar Islands but excluding Calcutta.	473
	Total	15026

STATEMENT-II

Name of Metro Politan cities/states	Exchanges Type=wise Breakup As on 1.4.1991. (Numbers)				Overall Percentage Utilisation of Capacity as on 1.4.91.
	Electronic	Cross Bar	Strowger	Manual	
1	2	3	4	5	6
Metropolitan Cities					
1. Delhi	49	19	2	—	85.7
2. Bombay	37	33	14	—	88.5
3. Culcutta	31	21	16	—	83.8
4. Madras	18	10	4	—	92.9
States					
1. Andhra Pradesh	182	13	1723	92	88.7
2. Assam	80	—	130	7	80.0
3. Bihar	—	—	—	—	85.8
4. Gujarat including Daman & Diu Dadara/ Nagar Haveli	176	20	713	117	90.8

	Name of Metro Politan cities/states	Exchanges Type-wise Breakup As on 1.4.1991. (Numbers)				Overall Percentage Utilisation of Capacity as on 1.4.91.
		Electronic	Cross Bar	Strowger	Manual	
	1	2	3	4	5	6
5.	Haryana	160	3	230	18	87.2
6.	Himachal Pradesh	87	—	206	18	85.4
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	22	1	111	6	87.8
8.	Karnataka	—	—	—	—	89.1
9.	Kerala including Lakshadweep	151	10	488	—	92.4
10.	Madhya Pradesh	461	4	704	94	79.4
11.	Maharashtra including Goa but excluding Bombay.	301	11	1106	207	86.3
12.	North East (Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Nagaland, Manipur, Tripura)	81	1	84	2	80.7

	Name of Metro Politan cities/states	Exchanges Type-wise Breakup As on 1.4.1991. (Numbers)				Overall Percentage Utilisation of Capacity as on 1.4.91.
		Electronic	Cross Bar	Strowger	Manual	
	1	2	3	4	5	6
13.	Orissa	158	4	295	14	84.8
14.	Punjab including Chandigarh	—	—	—	—	91.6
15.	Rajasthan	177	3	603	99	78.5
16.	Tamil Nadu including Pondichery but excluding Madras	227	11	987	19	91.5
17.	Uttar Pradesh	—	—	—	—	82.9
18.	West Bengal including Sikkim and Andaman & Nicobar Islands but excluding Culcutta.	42	1	382	48	83.9
	Total	3394	193	10568	871	87.1

STATEMENT-III

Name of Metropolital Cities/States		No. of persons on waiting list for new telephone connection category-wise as on 1.6.1990.		
		OYT	Non-OYT	Total
1		2	3	4
Metropolitan Cities				
1.	Delhi	21817	254923	276740
2.	Bombay	22990	206842	229832
3.	Culcutta	2950	35544	38194
4.	Madras	4910	57175	62085
States				
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4203	76260	80463
2.	Assam	1352	9980	11332
3.	Bihar	971	13991	14962
4.	Gujarat including Daman & Diu Dadara/ Nagar Haveli	8864	123891	132755
5.	Haryana	4257	47796	52053
6.	Himachal Pradesh	308	7015	7323

Name of Metropoltal Cities/States		No. of persons on waiting list for new telephone connection category-wise as on 1.6.1990.		
		OYT	Non-OYT	Total
1		2	3	4
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	1057	15211	16268
8.	Karnataka	3368	85662	89030
9.	Kerala including Lakshadweep	7983	143339	151322
10.	Madhya Pradesh	3380	68056	71436
11.	Maharashtra including Goa but excluding Bombay	15274	162553	177827
12.	North East (Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Tripura)	—	5275	5275
13.	Orissa	—	5205	5205
14.	Punjab including Chandigarh	8622	101629	110251
15.	Rajasthan	5559	84910	90469
16.	Tamil Nadu including Pondicherry but excluding Madras	3763	71611	75374

	Name of Metropoltal Cities/States	No. of persons on waiting list for new telephone connuction category-wise as on 1.6.1990.		
		OYT	Non-OYT	Total
	1	2	3	4
17.	Uttar Pradesh	4531	76719	81250
18.	West Bengal including Sikkim State and Andaman and Nicobar Islands but excluding Culcutta	471	6445	6919
	Total	126330	1660032	1786362

includes both special and General categories under Non-OYT.